

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) A process for obtaining finished granules of a predetermined substance in a granulation fluid bed, said granulation fluid bed being formed and maintained by a respective flow of fluidification air, the process comprising the steps of:

transferring finished granules in a pressurized space below said granulation fluid bed by falling of said finished granules through suitably sized openings of a base plate on which said granulation fluid bed is formed; and

recovering said granules from said pressurized space,

wherein said recovery step further comprises:

a) collecting said finished granules said pressurized space in a collection fluid bed, said collection fluid bed being formed and maintained through at least part of said fluidification air; and

b) extracting in continuous said finished granules from said collection fluid bed to the outside of said pressurized space through a well arranged outside said pressurized space and in fluid communication with said collection fluid bed, fed with the finished granules of said collection fluid bed.

2. (Previously presented) The process for obtaining finished granules of a predetermined substance according to claim 1, wherein all of the fluidification air of the granulation fluid bed is used for the fluidification of the collection fluid bed for the finished granules.

3-8. (Cancelled)